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PETITION AND FEE FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Box Non-Fee Amendment **Assistant Commissioner of Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the office action dated July 9, 1999 for three months extending month(s) from October 9, 1999 to January 9, 2000. The extended time for filing this response does not exceed the statutory period.

This request for extension of time is being filed to maintain pendency of the present application with that of Applicants' continuation application being filed under Rule 53(b) on this date.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0630 in the amount of \$870.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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